



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Sikhs have been living in the United States for more than 120 years, and during the early 20th century thousands of Sikh Americans worked on farms, in lumber mills and mines, and on the Oregon, Pacific, and Eastern Railroad; and

WHEREAS, 2019 is the 550th birthday of the first of ten gurus and founders of Sikhism, Guru Nanak, and Guru Nanak's Gurburab, which is one of the most important dates in the Sikh calendar, and is celebrated by Sikh's worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Sikh men and women have notably contributed to American society since their arrival in the late 1880s; and

WHEREAS, Sikh Americans pursue diverse professions that add to the social, cultural and economic vibrancy of the United States, including service as members of the United States Armed Forces and making significant contributions to our great nation in agriculture, information technology, small business, the hospitality industry, trucking, medicine, and technology; and

WHEREAS, The City of Merced recognizes and appreciates the rich history and shared experiences of Sikh Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE MURPHY, Mayor of the City of Merced, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby recognize the historical, cultural, and religious significance of Sikh Americans and Guru Nanak's 550th birthday and express respect for all Sikhs who practice their faith, and do hereby proclaim Monday, November 18th, 2019 to be "Guru Nanak's 550th Gurburab, or Birth Anniversary Day"

Signed this 18th day of November, 2019.

Mike Murphy, Mayor of Merced